THE CONVENTION.

Seventy-Five Representative Montanians Will Meet To-Day to Form a Constitution.

The Future Welfare of the New State Left to Them-Who They

How the Convention Hall Has Been Prepared For Their Reception-Wayside Whispers.

Territorial Secretary L. A. Walker has been busily engaged for some time in superintending the work of fitting up the district court room for the constitutional convention, which shall convene to-day at high noon. The hall is not any too large, but it has been conveniently arranged. Forty new large antique desks have been put in, each containing five drawers, with inkstand, waste-basket, blotting paper and cuspidore attachments. The balance of the desks are the same as used by the last legislature. There are five rows of desks, seventy-five in all, arranged so that the page can conveniently reach every member. At present, common chairs are to be used, but handsome antique oak chairs to match the new desks have been ordered and are expected to reach here in a few

The hall has been appropriately decorated. At the head of the president's desks
the banners left by the Dakota visitors
have been placed on the wail, while large
rosettes adorn either side of the room. A
portrait of Montana's first governor hangs
in the rear of the president's desk. The
chief clerk's desk is a profusion of bunt
ing and the gallery railing is also lined ing and the gallery rathing is also lined with red, white and blue. Spectators will have to be satisfied with viewing the great aggregation of wisdom from the gallery, as the lower floor is almost entirely taken up with the members' desks. Each member will find a convolution on his will find a copy of the constitution on his

desk.

The government has appropriated \$20,of the expenses of this convention. The mileage bill alone will be \$4,500 and the members will receive \$4 per day for their services, hardly enough to meet the bar bill. The offices to be filled are, chief clerk, enrolling and engrossing clerk, sergeant-at-arms, watchman, chapiain and page. For extra cierss, which will un-doubtedly be necessary, no provision is made for their compensation. As Secretary Walker construes the enabling act, he says he will have to refund to the United States treasury whatever money is left after the convention. If extra clerks are employed some provision will have to be made with the next legislature for their pay. Nearly all the members have arrived except part of the west side delegation. Those from the east side report that an ac-cident befell W. T. Fields, of Park county, just as he was starting for the train yesterday. He walked a short distance from the hotel with a satchel in his hand, when he suddenly slipped and fell, breaking his arm in the same place it was once broken before. He is a good democrat, and this accident will probably detain him two or three days from taking his seat in the convention.

The convention will be called to order by Secretary Walker at 12 o'clock, when, after a temporary organization, it is prob-able the body will adjourn to participate in the day's festivities.

The members of the convention are as follows:

REPUBLICANS-35. H. Knippenberg Samuel Mitchell C. H. Loud W. C. Gillette H. R. Whitehill George J. Reek C. S. Hartman W. M. Bullard B. Platt Carpenter A. J. Craven . J. Burns.

S. S. Hobson A. C. Wittier W. A. Burleigh C. M. Webster O. F. Goddard Con Kohrs W. H. Watson E. E. Hammond R. E. Hammond L. H. Hershfield W. A. Chessman Milton Cauby A. J. Burns,
R. O. Hickman
C. S. Marshall
W. J. Kennedy
Allian R. Joy
F. E. Sargeant
Charles S. Warren
Charles S. Warren

Milton Cauby
James E. Callaway
Louis Rotwitt
George O. Esten
Hiram Knowles
W. L. Dyer
Henri J. Haskell

ohn C. Robinson

Charles E Conrad C. R. Middleton Paris Glaves,
David G. Brown
Paris Glbson
Alfred Myers
G. R. Winston
J. F. Brazelton
Perry W. McAdow
L. A. Luce
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Martin Maginnis D. M. Durfee Walter Cooper Martin Maginnis William Mayger William Muth

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Thomas Joyes J. E. Gaylord Jos. K. Toole S. R. Buford Alex Burnes William Muth
W. Parberry
W. M. Bickford
L. D. Hatch
G. W. Stapleton
Leopold F. Schmidt J. Hogan
E. D. Aiken
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W. A. Clark
W. R. Ramsdell
Labor—Peter Breen. The Hon. W. A. Clark will in all proba-

The Hon. W. A. Clark will lot all probability be the choice of the convention for president. Hon. T. E. Collins, of Great Falls, is also mentioned. The republicans, it is rumored, will place the name of Louis H. Hershfield before the convention for president, as a compliment to that gentleman for the defeat he suffered in the government prace.

ernorship race.
For chief clerk, Mr. Todd, of Fort Benton, is the most prominent just now, while for sergeant-at-arms the popular Billy Green, of this city, seems to be a strong favorite. The democratic members met at the court house last evening and adjourned to meet again in caucus at the same place at 9 o'clock this morning.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Alexander F. Burnes. The agricultural interest in the constitutional convention will have an ardent rep-

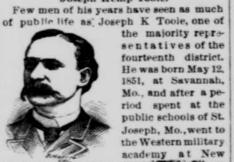


resentative in the per-Burnes, the demo- qualified to give an cratic member for the opinion, it is regardfifteenth district. He ing sheep-raising in was born in Clay Montana, an industry county, Missouri, in which he is very Dec. 7, 1882, and when largely interested. 6 years of age was Mr. Gillette was born taken by his parents in the town of Or-

the same state, where he attended the common schools. In 1852 he went to California, returning to Savannah, Mo., three years later and engaged in the mercantile business there until the war broke out, when he took up arms for the southern cause. He was captured by the union army at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1864, and was held a prisoner at Johnson island until the close of the war. Mr. Burnes came to Montana in 1866, where he engaged in farming, which he has followed ever since. He was elected to the convention as a democrat. He is married and has

he went to Leavenworth, Kan., where he was located when tht famous Pikes Peak excitement broke out, and he joined in the general rush for the supposed El Dorado. He drove an ox team across the plains, and engaged in merchandising at Central City, Col., until July, 1864, when, with a train of twenty six accords he went to Virginia. of twenty-six wagons, he went to Virginia City, selling his train and cargo of goods for gold dust and thereafter, until the latter for gold dust and thereafter, until the latter part of November, when he established in Helena the banking house of L. H. Hershfield & Co., with a branch in Virginia City, he followed the business of buying gold dust. In 1882 the bank was reorganized and is now known as the Merchants' National, of Helena, which has a capital of \$150,000 Mr. Hershfield has also been engaged in the banking business at Benton and White Sulphur Springs and is a large owner of real estate in various parts of Montana. He was married in 1874 to Miss Mary Grab. The recent sad death by drowning of his second son, Ezra, has brought to Mr. and Mrs. Hershfield the sympathy of all who know the family. They have three children now living. Mr. Hershfield has bad the distinction of being chairman of the republican territorial committee in the only republican territorial committee in the only two campaigns when that party elected a delegate to congress. His knowledge of affairs will make him a valuable member

Joseph Kemp Toole.



Castle, Ky., of which Kirby Smith was the principal. After leaving this school Mr. Toole studied law and was admitted to the bar. Coming to Montana in 1869 he was elected district attorney of the third judicial district in 1872 and re-elected without opposition in 1874 He was chosen member of the upper branch of the twelfth legislative assembly, and was elected president of the council. Mr. Toole was one of dent of the council. Mr. Toole was one of the foremost figures in the constitutional convention of 1884, and has served two terms as delegate in congress, the first time being elected over W. F. Sanders by 3,718 majority and the second term having a majority of 199 over Judge Knowles. It was largely owing to the efforts of Mr. Toole that the territorial admission bill passed in congress in February last, after hope had been generally abandoned. Mr. Toole is a bachellor, and, it is needless to say, a democrat. say, a democrat.

Major Martin Maginnis. No Montanian is more widely known

than the subject of this sketch Maginnis was born in Wayne county, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1840, and removed with his parents while quite young to Minnesota, where he received his education at the public d schools and Ham line college, which

latter institution be left to assume the editorship of a local paper. On the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted as a private in the First Minnesota volunteer infantry, and was with his regiment at the battle of Bull Run, after which he was commissioned second lieutenant. In September, 1862, he was promoted to first lieutenant, and in July, 1863, to captain. He remained with the First Minnesota until September, 1864, serving in the army of the Potomac. Then he was commissioned major of the Eleventh Minnesota, which became a part of the grand command of major of the Eleventh Minnesota, which became a part of the grand command of Gen. George H. Thomas. Mustered out of the service at the close of the war, Maj. Maginnis came to Montana in 1896, where he first engaged in mining, a little later becoming editor of the Helena Daily Gazette. He was elected delegate to the forty-third congress and to the five subsequent congresses, serving twelve years consecutive ly. Maj. Maginnis is an uncompromising democrat. He is married.

Ex-Gov. B. Platt Carpenter. a, N. Y. Gradu-



admitted to the bar at Poughkeepsie in 1858, has ever since practiced law, and is now one of the law firm of Carpenter. Buck & Hunt.

Mr. Carpenter was elected district attorney of Dutchess county. N. Y., in 1858, and in 1864 was appointed by President Lincoln to be assessor of internal revenue for the twelfth congressional district of New York. In 1867 he was elected delegate to twelfth congressional district of New York constitutional convention. He was a delegate to the republican national convention of 1872. In 1875 Mr. Carpenter was elected to the senate of New York. In 1876 he delivered the centennial address at Poughkeepsie, and in 1887 was elected judge of Dutchess county. In 1881, he was chairman of the New York republican state committee. Mr. Carpenter was appointed governor of Montana in 1884, and march, 1889, was appointed one of the commissioners to codify the laws of Montana. Mr. Carpenter represents the thirteenth district in the Montana constitutional convention, having received 604 votes upon the 873 ballots cast at the election.

do f equal population can show a financial record equal to Helena's, and certainly no city between St. Paul and Portland has a bank doing a business equal to either the First National or the Montana National, or with as much capital. The latter has cash and exchange on hand, \$446,382.72, and surplus and profits amounting to \$100,000. Such exhibits should silence all cavil as to the prosperity of Helena and Montana. It is not alone the Montana National bank that is prospering. The First National led in the increase of capital, and the Merchanian National, if reports be true, will soon double its present capital of \$150,000. Following is the summary of the Montana National of States bonds if reports be true, will soon double its present capital of \$150,000. Following is the summary of the Montana National of \$1,000.000. Cash. Statement:

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Louis H. Hershfield.

The financial interests of the future state of Montana will have a virilant champion in the person of L. H. Hershfield is a native of Oneida county, N. Y., and is in the fifty-third year of his age. When 18 years old located at Bannack City, at that time the per day could readily be disposed of, and

vention is William Muth, of the thirteenth district, a member

of the real estate firm of Porter, Muth & Cox. Mr. Muth was born at Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 2, 1851, and is, therefore in his thirty-sixth year. from the high school

of Wheeling in 1869, Mr. Muth moved to Leavenworth, Kan., and four years later came to Montana as agent for W.C. Lobenstein, an extensive dealer in robes and furs. Subsequently Mr. Muth engaged in general merchandizing, which business he followed for a number of years, meanwhile making several fortunate investments in mining properties. In 1886 Mr. Muth went into the real estate business in Helena, where he won for himself a host of warm friends. He has twice represented his ward (the fourth) in the city council, and was a member of the house of representatives of the fifteenth legislative assembly of Montana. Mr. Muth is an active democrat. He is married and the lather of three children.

The North Dakota Progamme. BISMARCK , Dak., July 3 .- To-morrow the constitutional convention for the new state of North Dakota will assemble in this city and already a large number of delegates are on hand. According to agreement the republicans of the territory, who are in the majority, allowed the democrats to have one-third of the delegates to this convention, and there will be a strong effort to keep up the minority representaeffort to keep up the minority representa-tion idea in the new constitution, and while much attention is being paid to elections by individuals as the means of stepping into some of the official positions of the new state government, the subject matter of the new organic law is not by any means

eing overlooked.
The Farmers' Alliance organization, having a large number of members and being very powerful politically, has enunciated a platform of principles which they wish to place in the constitution and they have sufficient membership in the convention and enough power in the state to make their demands have great weight. Among the planks in their platform are the following: Government control of railroads and of all public necessities; pro-hibition of the liquor traffic; the election of United States senators by popular vote; courts of arbitration; the abolition of the contract system in public works; women suffrage; few appointive and many elective offices, and the Australian system

All these principles cannot be expected to obtain place in the new constitution, but many of them will make a hard fight for a many of them will make a hard fight for a position. The questions of prohibition, woman suffrage, the Australian ballot system and minority representative will come in for a good share of attention of the convention, and there have already been a good many strong arguments in favor of one legislative body. The Australian ballot system, with modifications, together with one or two of the principles mentioned will undoubtedly appear in the mentioned will undoubtedly appear in the new document. The constitution already adopted for the new state of South Dakota is well thought of here.

South Dakota Convention. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., July 3 .- Many of the delegates to the South Dakota constitutional convention are arriving. The people, by voting to adopt the Sioux Falls constitution, have left but little for them

A Miller hat and a stylish suit can be had only from HARRIS THE CLOTHIER.

INCREASED ITS CAPITAL.

The Montana Follows the Example Recently Set by the First National Bank The Montana National bank on vesterday increased its capital from \$250,000 to \$500,000, which is the figure to which the Ex Gov. B. Platt Carpenter was born First National increased its capital six months ago. The statement of the condition of the Montana, which is summarized ated at Union col- in the subjoined table, emphasizes the fact lege in 1857, is mar- that Helena is one of the great money ried and has three centers of the country. It is questionable children. He was if any other city in the United States admitted to the bar of equal population can show a financial at Poughkeepsie in record equal to Helena's, and certainly no

Buy your flags, bunting and Japanese lanterns at The Bee Hive. ROCKY FORK COAL,

Five Hundred Tons Per Day Being Used

by the Northern Pacific. M. L. Platt, superintendent of the Rocky

the Stars and Stripes and Swarmed With Visitors.

Everybody From Everywhere is Here to Enjoy the Programme Laid Out For Them.

Day's Programme of Great Variety and a Glorious Time is Certain-Fireworks and Flambeaux.

"Did you ever see such a crowd?" "Where are we going to put them?"
"Won't she be a dandy?" "Ain't those decorations just beautiful?" "Why I never knew trees grew on Main street?" These and similar expressions were heard everywhere yesterday. The city is just swarming with humanity and notwithstanding the jam the many hotels seem to
be equal to the tosk of disposing of the
mass. But they have been crowded three
or four in a room, the hallways filled with
cots while hundreds there are who never

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Bozeman, Livingston, Billings, Miles City, Glendive, and in fact every town, village and hamiet in Montana's broad expanse and namet in Montana's broad expanse east of the Mulian tunnel is liberally rep-resented. This morning's special trains will bring in nearly the entire population of Butte. Mr. Thomas Couch says every-body on the west side is coming. The Bos-ton and Montana band, the largest musical organization in the territory, composed of miners, will discourse music at the head of the grand procession. The Alice band, also miners, and second only to the Boston and Montana, will be here this morning, together with Butte's baseball team, to which the three Moffet brothers belonging will try conclusions with the Helena

Fourth of July display. Lines of flags suspend across the thoroughfares from housetop to housetop. Four immense arches of evergreens encircling the street corners at different points are a splendid piece of work and reflect credit on Prof. piece of work and reflect credit on Prof. Logan and his corps of assistants of the decoration committee. Hundreds of men were busy until a late hour last night preparing their floats, and some of them will be grand. The gay capital of the fair state of Montana that is to be, is in a whirlwind of enthusiasm and patriotism. Everything is in readiness for a day's enjoyment of unapproachable excellence. Everything in the shape of supplies, except fire works is sold out. The livery stables have been sold out and not a horse is to be had; no more flags, no more bunting, no more hotel accommodations, priing, no more hotel accommodations, private families have their spare rooms filled with friends, every one is excited and en-

thused.

To Col. Chas. D. Curtis, grand marshal of the day, and the worker of the committee of general arrangements, to him more than any other citizen is this happy state of affairs due. Where is the other man with the rustling energy of the genial colonel who could so successfully bring about such a magnificent success. For the past two weeks he has been out early and late, with his sleeves rolled up, working like a major,

Besides owning a flock of 15,000 sheep, he has considerable real estate in the city of Helens.

William M.ch.
One of the youngest members of the con
Montana's Capital Gaily Attired in Helena.

HELENA'S FOURTH from him. While he was at the head of the celebration, he was also ably assisted by the balance of the arrangement committee: T. H. Kleinschmidt, C. K. Cole, J. K. Toole, R. C. Walker, James Sullivan and Herman Gans

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Before the INDEPENDENT is on the streets the national salute of forty-two guns will be resounding on the silent air, and its echoes will vibrate along the mountains for miles, awaking the people to a realiza-tion that the natal day of independence is at hand. Added to this the merry peals of the church and school bells will ring and the day's doings will formally be ushered in. Those who will participate in the par-ade are already familiar with the places assigned them to assemble and it is hoved

ade are already familiar with the places assigned them to assemble, and it is hoped that all will be on hand, that the parade will start promptly at 10 o'clock.

The line of march will be as follows: commencing at Ninth avenue to Ewing street, to Rodney thence to Broadway Broadway to Main street, Main to Bridge street, Bridge to Clore street, Clore street to Clarke avenue, Clarke avenue to Howie street, Howie to Lawrence to Howie to Lawrence to Main, Main to Broadway, Broadway to Warren street, Warren to Breckenridge street, Breckenridge to Court House square, where the procession will be reviewed and where the procession will be reviewed and the exercises take place. The Hon. T. H. Kleinschmidt, president of the day, will were fortunate to secure lodgings, it is doubtful if they slept much through the din of fireworks that started at dawn and began with unusual vigor after midnight.

The trains that poured in yesterday were crowded, and yet the west side has not been heard from. Great Falls, Benton, Boygman Livinggton Billings Miles City, suspended from a parachute, to terra suspended from a parachute, to terra firma, will be a thrilling spectacle to witness.

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A programme of excellent races printed elsewhere will also attract thousands. Goodyear, Cook and Dillon's minstrels will hold forth at Ming's opera house oth afternoun and evening, and the best base ball game of the season will take place at Seymer park. This is a great programme for the afternoon and none can fail to find plenty of enjoyment.
While the morning street parade will be

also miners, and second only to the Boston and Montana, will be here this morning, together with Butte's baseball team, to which the three Moffet brothers belonging, will try conclusions with the Helena team at Seymer Park, and a large and enthusiastic following will coach them to success with their money and voices.

The city presents a gorgeous sight. Nearly all the business edifices on Main street are hidden from view by the myriads of streamers, flags, lanterns, banners, evergreens and all that goes to make a Fourth of July display. Lines of flags suspend across the thoroughfares from the form of the bottom of the Boston will only be equalled by the flambeau clubs night parade headed by the minstrel band and the Boston & Montana. There is nothing more beautiful than a flambeau parade when the air will be filled with myriads of sky scraping rockets, roman candles and every model of pyrotechnic outpouring with freworks that cost \$1.000 will give an illumination for splendor, seldom equalled and never for spiendor, seldom equalled and neve excelled. It will be a glorious Fourth and no mistake. Let everyone rejoice and be merry and they will spend a day that will take years to forget. NOTES TO BE NOTICED.

Alarm forty-two will ring this morning to summon all to assemble at their res-pective posts for the parade.

The Board of Trade members are re-quested to meet at headquarters at 9:45 to secure transportation in the procession.
Company C, No. 1, regimental infantry
will meet at their half in full uniform, helme's with spikes, at 7:30 a. m. sharp.

The bi-yele club will meet at the court house, 9:30 sharp.

There will be a hill climbing contest at 4 p. m. on Ming's hill.

The Motor line to Seymer Park and the Montana Central to the fair grounds will run eyer thirty minutes.

have never seen this will enjoy a good laugh, as the army has made grand preparations for an attractive parade. They will be on Main street about 8 p. m.

Manager John Worth gives notice that fireworks will be set off on the old baseball grounds on Helena avenue, facing Warren, Ewing and Rodney streets. This is the most suitable location outside of the fire limits.

Assistant marshals, mounted, will report at the residence of Chief Marshal Curtis at 9 o'clock a m.

The young ladies who will represent the states and territories in the car of state are requested to meet at the Merchants hotel parlors at 9:30 sharp.

On Tuesday.

The Business Section of the City Wiped Out, the Fire Department

Those lovely Miller hats-Harris'. MONTANA'S WOOL MARKET.

The Market Steadily Rising, the Latest

Quotation Being Over 23 Cents. The Montana wool market is attracting a great deal of attention this season, and the buyers are more numerous than ever. Nothighest of which were not above 18 cents a pound. The clip this season is heavier, and while the wool is even it has not the steadily rising, and for the past week has been firm at 22½; yesterday, however, it started at 22e when W. E. Cox of this city sold 20,000 pounds at that figure. Yesterday also Paris Gibson purchased a 40,000 pound lot at 22¾, and late last night the Benton market was quoted as closing at 23¾ firm. This is a very high figure and there are some who believe the market will yet reach 25 cents. Henry McLain Martin, the well known buyer, is doing most of the purchasing and is making the atmosphere very sultry for his opponents. Mr. W. E. Cox has not yet received the wool clip from his Cascade ranch, but it will be ready for the market in a few days and he hopes to get 24 cents, although he was very jubilant at getting 22 cents for the 20,000 pound lot sold yesterday morning.

Richmond Hill Addition. French & Pyter, Sole Agents.

Who Wants a Fortune? One hundred and forty acres notching nto East Heiena at only \$60 per acre. It will make 630 lots, each 50x140, after making allowance for streets and alleys. This will make lots cost less than \$13.50 each.
Terms, \$2,400 cash; balance, one, two, three
and four years, eight per cent.

J. W. MERRILL,
Room A Union Block,
Over Lang's store.

Again ! Again ! Again !

First-class organs for \$30, \$40, \$50, \$65, \$75, \$85, \$90, \$95 and \$100 at the only exlusive music house in this glorious climate of Montana, Jackson's Broadway music

An endless variety of fancy chinaware very cheap at The Bee Hive. HELENA IN BRIEF.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer. Dinner from 12 to 5 at the Bon Ton. James W. Barker, merchant tailor, No.

E. R. E. Carpenter's dental rooms, room 30, Pittsburg block. Take the elevator.

Being Powerless.

Despite the Heavy Loss and the Light Insurance the Merchants Will Commence to Rebuild at Once.

SALT LAKE, July 3 .- A Tribune Hailey, Idaho, special says, regarding yesterday's withstanding the quality of the wool it will fire, that the business portion of the town not compare favorably with that of last year, the prices secured this season are far no suffering. The losses agregate half a

and while the wool is even it has not the healthy substance of last year. Neither is it very clean this season. But still Montana wool is in big demand in the east, as it is pronounced the best that the territories produce. The season opened at 20 cents when Warren C. Gillette sold his clip of about 60,000 pounds. The market has been steadily rising, and for the past week has been firm at 22%; yesterday, however, it is a carbonate streets, and spread with alarming rapidity. Everybody thought the Merchants hotel, next to the corner, would stop the fiames, but owing to the high wind the fire swept through the row of frame buildings to the hotel, a brick building. Then the flames rushed along Main street, consuming buildings supposed to be fireproof as if they were tinder. The heat was so oppressive that the firemen had to consuming buildings supposed to be fire-proof as if they were tinder. The heat was so oppressive that the firemen had to desert their hose and hose cart, and so the town was left to the mercy of the fire. Word was sent to Bellevue, five miles south, and her company hurried to the scene with all the available apparatus but too late to be of service. After leaving the Merchants hotel corner the fire swept south on to the mext block, jumped the street to the west and returned north along the street, burning all the business houses with the evention of Friedram Corner. with the exception of Friedman & Co., a fire proof building. Of four blocks of solid brick nothing is left but this one

The burnt district includes the entire business portion and takes in but few resi-dences, so there will not be any destitution. dences, so there will not be any destitution. The insurance on the property destroyed will not exceed \$150,000. A number of the largest losers were not insured. Among the heaviest losers are: Koffin & Co., about \$100,000: insured for \$57,000; Idaho Forwarding Co., \$25,000; Merchant's hotel, \$40,000; J. A. Rupert, \$15,000, without insurance; Claude Campbell, \$25,000; insured for \$6,000; and many others who will range in the neighborhood of \$10,000 each. The little mountain town to-day presents a very melancholy appearance, and what was but melancholy appearance, and what was but a few hours ago the most prosperous town in Idaho is now but a mass of smouldering ruins. Nearly all the merchants will re-build as soon as possible.

The finest line of straw hats is at Harris' The Base Ball Game

The following talent will constitute the opposing teams in to day's game at Seymer Park:

Helena. .. McAuliffe. Sam Moffet. ..Joe Moffet. Walsh . Esterbrook. Cars. Morrissey. short stop.. Semper. McDonell third base Lynk Moffet. . Rick. Conners. Driscoll .left field. This is an exceptionally strong array and cannot fail to make an interesting game.

Those lovely Miller hats-Harris'. Swend Carlson wants 200 dummies to represent cigarmakers on wagons for his big show on the 4th.

Those lovely Miller hats-Harris'

Heavy grain shipments from Fresno and Tulare counties come through Stockton daily. On Wednesday two barges left for deep water with 25,000 sacks of new wheat.

MONDAY,

JULY 8.

SANDS BROS.

Monster Clearing Sale.

The oldest and largest dry goods house in Montana are going to

ENLARGE.

Although we occupy more space for dry goods and carpets than any house in Montana, it has not given us the room we needed this spring, and the crowded condition of our Carpet Department has led us to look about for

MORE ROOM.

All our departments must be reduced to make room for the workmen. Our importations for the fall will arrive in August, and to accommodate our constantly increasing trade we are for the fall will arrive in August, and to accommodate our constantly increasing trade we are for the fall will arrive in August, and to accommodate our constantly increasing trade we are for the fall will arrive in August, and to accommodate our constantly increasing trade we are for the fall will arrive in August, and to accommodate our constantly increasing trade we are driven to securing more comfort, by erecting another story. This will give us, when complete any one that the company is able to produce at present. Two thousand tone per day could readily be disposed of, and the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to supply this amount. The big mining companies of the company will soon be in a position to the company will soon be in a position to the company will be disposed of at 50 cents of the company will soon be in a position to the company will be company will be applying the company will be applying the company will be company will be applying th

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